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SUBJECT: INTELSAT - CHIREP

1. OBATA OF FOREIGN MINISTRY'S SCIENTIFIC AFFAIRS
DIVISION CALLED ON EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 10 TO DISCUSS NOTE
FONMIN RECEIVED FROM TAIWAN'S ASIAN RELATIONS
ASSOCIATION TOKYO OFFICE.

2. NOTE EMPHASIZED EXTENT OF TRADE BETWEEN TAIWAN
AND JAPAN AND LARGE NUMBER OF JAPANESE BRANCH OFFICES
IN TAIWAN WHICH WOULD SUFFER DETRIMENTAL EFFECTS IF
TAIWAN'S ACCESS TO INTELSAT WERE CUT. NOTE ALSO
REMINDED GOJ THAT 84 OF INTELSAT'S 170 CHANNELS INTO
TAIWAN ORIGINATE IN JAPAN.

3. TAIWAN ASKED GOJ TO SUPPORT TAIWAN'S CONTINUED
ACCESS TO INTELSAT. EARA OFFICE ALSO SAID IT WOULD
BE ASKING JAPANESE COMPANIES IN TAIWAN TO INFORM
THEIR HEAD OFFICES IN JAPAN OF THE EFFECTS ON THEIR
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BUSINESS IF COMMUNICATIONS WERE IMPAIRED.

4. OBATA INDICATED THAT GOJ WILL SUPPORT ANY MOVE
TO ALLOW TAIWAN CONTINUED ACCESS TO INTELSAT SYSTEM,
PROVIDED LANGUAGE PERMITTING THAT ACCESS DOES NOT
POSE ANY POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES TO JAPAN. OBATA ADDED
THAT TAIWAN LOBBY HAS BEEN ACTIVE BEHIND THE SCENES
IN JAPAN ON THIS ISSUE.
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